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TEAM CHIEF SENDS

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SUBJECT: PEACE PILLAR LOA PRESENTATION

1. PEACE PILLAR LOA PRESENTATION TEAM PRESENTED THEIR FINAL OUTBRIEFING TO MAJ/GENERAL ABDEL MAJID HAMID KHALIL, DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES AND HIS STAFF AT 0900 HRS, 3 AUGUST 1977. BRIEFING SUMMARIZED PREVIOUS TWO DAYS DISCUSSIONS AND HIGHLIGHTED CONCERNS SURFACED DURING DISCUSSIONS. AREAS DISCUSSED WERE LOGISTICS, FINANCE, TRAINING AND PROPOSED CONFERENCE TO BE CONDUCTED BEGINNING ON 6 SEPT 77 AT WR-ALC, ROBBINS AFB, GEORGIA. THERE WERE NO APPARENT UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN AREAS OF LOGISTICS, FINANCE OR CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE DIFFICULTY IN TRAINING AREA. SAF ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF MAINTENANCE STUDENTS, PARTICULARLY EXPERIENCED TECHNICIANS, TO MEET TRAINING SCHEDULE OFFERED IN LOA. THEY THEREFORE STATED A DESIRE FOR AN EXPANDED AND POSSIBLY EXTENDED CONTRACTOR INTERIM MAINTENANCE TEAM. WE INDICATED THAT THIS COULD BE PROVIDED AT ADDITIONAL COST, BUT INASMUCH AS IT CHANGED SCOPE OF LOA, THEY WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUIRED TO SUBMIT FORMAL REQUEST FOR CASE AMENDMENT TO FACILITATE THIS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT, DUE TO URGENCY OF GOING ON CONTRACT FOR ITEMS TO INSURE UQWEBRUARY 78 DELIVERIES AND TO PROTECT CURRENT PRICE QUOTATIONS, THIS ACTION SHOULD NOT DELAY THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF LOA, BUT SHOULD BE PURSUED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ACCEPTANCE. GENERAL MAJID STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO

SECURE THIS ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR EFFORT AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE TOTAL CASE VALUE BY DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF SOME OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE TOTAL PROGRAM. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD ASSESS THIS REQUEST AND TAKE WHATEVER ACTION POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE HIS REQUEST. THE TEAM ADVISED GEN. MAJID THAT THE NAMES OF THE AVAILABLE STUDENTS BE PROVIDED TO HQ USAF/LGFT NLT 15 AUG 77 SO THAT THOSE TRAINING SPACES WHICH SAF COULD NOT FILL COULD BE RELEASED TO OTHERS.

2. GENERAL MAJID SURFACED THE PROBLEM OF PAYMENT OF FREIGHT FORWARDER SERVICES. UNDER THE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH SUDAN HAS WITH A THIRD COUNTRY, ALL COSTS OF THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE LOA. HE INDICATED THAT INASMUCH AS TRANSPORTATION WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LOA, IT PRESENTED A VERY BIG PROBLEM FOR HIM TO JUSTIFY A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE THIRD COUNTRY TO PAY FOR THIS SERVICE. HE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM. THE TEAM ADVISED THAT A PROCEDURE COULD BE ESTABLISHED WHEREBY THE INVOICES OF THE FREIGHT FORWARDER, CERTIFIED BY APPROPRIATE SUDANESE OFFICIALS, COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SAAC-JFMO FOR PAYMENT UNDER THE PEACE PILLAR PROGRAM. THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PAY FOR THESE INVOICES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE TOTAL PROGRAM. HE AGREED THAT THIS WAS A GOOD SOLUTION AND INDICATED HE WILL FORMALLY REQUEST IT UPON ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOA.

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3. THE TEAM EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT THERE WAS NO PROVISION FOR PARATROOP TRAINING OR PARACHUTE MAINTENANCE TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT IN THE LOA. ANY REQUEST FOR THESE ITEMS WOULD REQUIRE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE U.S. ARMY TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF OFFER FOR ANY DESIRED ITEMS OR TRAINING. GOS UNDERSTANDING OF THIS REQUIREMENT WAS INDICATED.

4. THE USAF TEAM PROPOSED TO CONDUCT A PROGRAM REVIEW/ PROVISIONING CONFERENCE AT WR-ALC BEGINNING ON 6 SEPT 77 AND RECOMMENDED SAF REPRESENTATION IN THE AREAS OF SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND PARATROOP OPERATIONS. GEN MAJID HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE NAMES OF ATTENDEES TO THE AMEMB, KHARTOUM, NLT 15 AUG 77 SO THAT APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES CAN BE OBTAINED.

5. TEAM CHIEF OUTBRIEFED AMBASSADOR BERGUS FOLLOWING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH SUDANESE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES STAFF. BERGUS

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